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SUBJECT: GREEK-TURKISH AEGEAN PROBLEM: CYPRUS

1. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN INFORMED EMBOFFS JULY 6 THAT EC-9 POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD GENERAL DISCUSSION OF AEGEAN SITUATION AND EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT TURKISH DETERMINATION TO SEND SEISMIC EXPLORATION SHIP INTO DISPUTED AEGEAN WATERS MIGHT LEAD TO GREEK-TURKISH INCIDENT. IT EMERGED THAT ALL HAD APPROACHED GOT INDIVIDUALLY TO CAUTION AGAINST ANY PROVOCATIVE MOVE AND TO EXPRESS HOPE TURKS WOULD RECONSIDER DECISION TO DISPATCH SHIP INTO AREA. RUTTEN UNDERSTOOD US HAD MADE SIMILAR DEMARCHE AND CONCLUDED IT NOW SEEMED TO BE UP TO THE TURKS, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC, PARTICULARLY SINCE APPARENTLY SHIP WOULD BE LEAVING FROM ISTANBUL RATHER THAN IZMIR AND WOULD CONSEQUENTLY BE LIKELY SOONER TO CROSS INTO DISPUTED AREA. HE ADDED THAT GREEK AMBASSADOR HAD MENTIONED TO HIM YESTERDAY THAT GREEK FORCES WERE "ON ALERT", WHATEVER THAT MEANT.

2. ON CYPRUS RUTTEN RECALLED THAT ALL EC-9 HAD URGED WALDHEIM TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO RE-LAUNCH INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

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THEY HAD PROPOSED HE GO SO FAR AS TO DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE.

SO FAR AS RUTTEN WAS AWARE, HOWEVER, ONLY PROGRESS TO DATE REFLECTED IN AGREEMENT BY MAKARIOS FOR TALKS TO TAKE PLACE IN VIENNA. SYG WALDHEIM HAD ALSO PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST AFTER HIS VISIT IN ABIDJAN.

3. RUTTEN CONCLUDED THAT, IF THERE WERE NO PROGRESS ON CYPRUS, FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO RAISE MATTER DIRECTLY WITH HIS TURKISH AND GREEK COUNTERPARTS IN COURSE OF SEPARATE MEETINGS ON EC MEMBERSHIP THAT WERE SCHEDULED FOR JULY 24 AND JULY 28 RESPECTIVELY. HIS EFFORT WOULD BE TO BREAK DEADLOCK. AT SAME TIME RUTTEN STRESSED THAT THERE WAS NO LINK WHATSOEVER BETWEEN QUESTION OF EC MEMBERSHIP AND MOVEMENT BY GREEKS AND TURKS ON CYPRUS ISSUE.
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